**North-Eastern Regional Office of Doordarshan**

1168. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Engineer, North-Eastern Regional Office of Doordarshan has been operating from Calcutta although the same was started in a rented house at Ganeshguri, Guwahati few years back;

(b) if so, the date of starting the office at Guwahati and monthly rent being paid since inception;

(c) the reasons for non-functioning at Guwahati; and

(d) the time by which its functioning from Guwahati would be ensured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The building was hired in February, 1996 and at present a monthly rent of Rs. 25,460/- is being paid.

(c) and (d) Prasar Bharati has informed that they could not operationalise the office of the Chief Engineer, North-Eastern Zonal Office, Guwahati due to non-availability of adequate staff. They have also informed that they have posted Director (E) and DDA to Guwahati who are establishing the office. The Prasar Bharati are being advised to complete the process soon.

**Retirement of Members from Prasar Bharati Board**

1169. SHRI V.N. GADGIL:

Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCSTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since retired members, Shrimati Romila Thapar and Rajendra Yadav from the Prasar Bharati Board; and

(b) if so, under what provision of law or rules, they have been retired?